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SUBJECT: MORE PRESS COMMENT ON PROPOSED RHODESIAN ANC CONGRESS

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1. EDITORIAL IN ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL OF JUNE 7 COMMENTS THAT
OPEN SPLIT WITHIN RANKS OF RHODESIAN NATIONAL COUNCIL
(ANC) OVER NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES DECISION TO CONVENE
ANC CONGRESS JUNE 21 COMES AS NO SURPRISE. EVEN BEFORE ANC
LEADERS JOSHUA NKOMO AND NDABANINGI SITHOLE WERE RELEASED
FROM RHODESIAN DETENTION LAST DECEMBER "SOME AFRICAN
NATIONALISTS BASED IN THIS COUNTRY" (I.E., LATE ZANU
LEADER HERBERT CHITEPO) OPPOSED RELEASE ON GROUNDS THEY
SHOULD FIRST HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO ORGANIZE POLITICALLY IN
RHODESIA ITSELF. THOSE IN RHODESIA TODAY OPPOSING HOLDING
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OF CONGRESS (I.E., ZANU) DO SO "NOT FROM SPIRIT OF

PATRIOTISM BUT FROM FEAR OF LOSING THEIR POSITIONS." AS
FOR ANC CHAIRMAN BISHOP MUZOREWA, MAIL URGES HIM TO HEAR VIEWS
FROM BOTH SIDES AND DETERMINE WHETHER IT IS PATRIOTIC "TO
DELAY INDEPENDENCE OF ZIMBABWE IN ORDER GIVE MORE TIME FOR
POLITICIANS TO ORGANIZE FOR THEIR SURPPORT." DECISION ON
WHO IS TO LEAD ZIMBABWE MUST COME "FROM THE PEOPLE AND NOT
FROM HANDFUL OF POLITICIANS MORE CONCERNED WITH THEIR OWN
POSITIONS IN (ANC) AND IN FUTURE BLACK GOVERNMENT THAN WITH
PLIGHT OF LONG SUFFERING MASSES."

2. COMMENT: THIS IS SECOND EDITORIAL WITHIN ONE WEEK IN GRZ-
OWNED MAIL IN SUPPORT OF EARLY CONVENTION OF ANC CONGRESS AND
BY EXTENSION OF NKOMO/ZAPU BID FOR ANC LEADERSHIP.
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